

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on January 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Mose Mock, Vickie Decker, Troy K. Alford and C. Eddie Tomberlin.

C. Eddie Tomberlin opened the meeting with an invocation.

The agenda was adopted.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen stated that board member Mose Mock wanted to address the board.

Mr. Mock stated that he would be resigning from the Effingham County Board of Education due to his son's recent diagnosis of stage 4 cancer. He thanked his district and the board for the opportunity to serve his county. Mr. Mock requested prayer for his son and his family during this difficult time. Mr. Lamar Allen thanked Mr. Mock for his service to his district and stated that he would be missed. Mr. Mock left immediately after his address to return to the hospital to visit with his son.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached item on the Consent Agenda with a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the January 8, 2014 board meeting.

Transportation Coordinator Jimmy Helmly gave a brief explanation of the reasons for redistricting and the affected areas.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen advised that the board will address the various concerns and take all of them into consideration. He stated that the board does not know where growth will happen within the county. He also apologized for inconveniencing the parents, and stated the board does not take making the decision lightly.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding elementary school numbers and the need to balance school enrollment. He stated that HB251-School Choice would be available earlier for those that are affected by the move and the board will allow them first choice regarding staying at their present school if enrollment allows. There were several questions and answers regarding the different scenarios that had been entertained by the board before making decisions that would have the least amount of impact. Redistricting will be voted on at the February 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Principal of Rincon Elementary Dr. Paige Dickey and Principal of Ebenezer Elementary Ms. Beth Kight each presented information regarding the clubs and classes available at their schools.

The board voted unanimously to enter into executive session with a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by C. Eddie Tomberlin.

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Mose Mock, the board voted to end executive session.

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker, the board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached personnel action list.

In addition, the board approved an addendum to Superintendent Shearouse's contract regarding transportation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m. with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

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F. Lamar Allen, Chairman

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent